RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 8th August, 1989/the 17th Sravana, 1911 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, **Mr. Chairman** in the Chair.

RE. REMARKS BY PRIME MINISTER IN LOK SABHA AGAINST OPPOSITION MEMBERS OF RAJYA SABHA

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, the Prime Minister has come to this House in spite of his remarks. I do not know why . . . (*Interruptions*) . . .

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH (West Bengal): Sir, it is serious. The Prime Minister has flouted the rules ... (*Interruptions*) ... Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Prime Minister has flouted the rules. He has mentioned this House in the other House. He has denigrated this House ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA (Andhra Pradesh): Kindly listen for a minute, Sir.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Kindy listen for a minute, Sir ... (*Interruptions*) ... The Prime Minister has flouted the rules .. (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): We want the Question Hour, Sir

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Sir, here are the proceedings of the other House. Sir, you are the custodian of this House. Can he denigrate this House?

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He has to withdraw those words.

SHRI N. E. BALARAM (Kerala) : How can he denigrate this House?

. . . (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): He should be made to answer. He should apologize to this House ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He must withdraw those words.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): May I make a submission, Sir? ... (*Interruptions*) ... Let me make a submission, Sir. Sir, the Prime Minister has used the floor of the other House to cast aspersions on this House.. ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He has flouted the rules. He has referred to this House in the other House. He has denigrated this House by calling the Members of this House limpets. It is the right of the Members to resign or not.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, his remarks were expunged by the Speaker. Again he restored the remarks. It is most unprecedented.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI RAJIV GANDHI): Sir, we are willing to cancel the Question Hour and debate it now if the Opposition Members want it.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: We do not want any debate.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: You must withdraw the remarks.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, he has abused this House. He has abused this House and insulted the Opposition *in toto* ..(*Interruptions*).. Please consider, Sir, whether this is a matter for debate. Insult is an insult. It is not a matter for debate. The Prime Minister has used the floor of the other House to cast aspersions on this House and the Opposition as a whole ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI P SHIV SHANKER): Your party had decided to quit ... (*Interruptions*) If the Prime Minister has said it, what is wrong in it?.. (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Why has he insulted this House?—I do not understand ... (*Interruptions*) ...

This House is also a part of Parliament and he has insulted Parliament.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: What is wrong in it? If the Prime Minister has said it, it is absolutely justified ..(*Interruptions*).. It is absolutely justified

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, you have to protect the Members here. Sir, you have to protect this House.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, the remarks were expunged by the Speaker and, for the first time, the Speaker has again restored the remarks. It is most unprecedented.

... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): He has deliberately denigrated this House. He has no right to continue as Prime Minister.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I want to tell the Prime Minister, this is not a matter for debate. He has got to withdraw the remark made by him there. It is not a matter for discussion. You have insulted the House. You have insulted us in the other House. You have misused the floor of the other House. You have got to apologise.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: It is highly unfortunate that the facts are taken as insult.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Who is a limpet here? Let us discuss that. (*Interruptions*) Is the Opposition limpet or is the Prime Minister limpet?

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Sir, I fail to understand what the objection of the Opposition Members is. If they are willing to articulate their objections, we will respond.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: We object because you have used the floor of the other House to insult us. You have committed contempt of the House.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: No, Sir. I have only commented that the Members of the Opposition resigned on a particular issue in the Lok Sabha. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: That is all h has said. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Either he is ignorant of the parliamentary procedure or he has done it deliberately.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He must express unqualified apology for denigrating this House in the other House.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: It was a written speech. It was not in the heat of the moment. It was a written speech in which he deliberately made this remark against this House. It is against all parliamentary practices and procedures. I would say that you should take cognizance of this.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Mr. Chairman, we are prepared to have a debate. Let it be debated. Let the issue be debated. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Prime Minister in the other House has insulted the Opposition. He has criticised the Opposition's resignation. It is an asault on democracy. (*Interruptions*).

Until and unless the Prime Minister withdraws his remarks, we will not allow him to speak here. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: He should express unqualified regret. You are the custodian of the dignity of the House. You have to protect the dignity of the House. The Prime Minister has flouted all conventions. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He taunted the Opposition Members in the Lok Sabha for resigning. He said they had bolted. Also he says that the Opposition Members are limpets here. What does he mean by that? Can he refer to Members here in the other House? Let him repeat what he said.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: What the Prime Minister said was about the double standards of the Opposition. This is the fact. This is the inconsistency.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He mentioned that in the absence of the Opposition. If he has the courage, let him repeat it here.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: If he wants to call us names, let him call here. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: They have been creating problems. They were not prepared to discuss the issue. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Let him repeat the same charge here in this House.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) : सभापति महोदय, उस सदन में इस सदन के बारे में कुछ कहना, यह अनुचित है या उचित है, आप इसका फैसला करें । उस सदन में इस सदन के बारे में कहा या कि मेम्बरों के बारे में कहा.... **(व्यवधान)** ...

श्री पी० शिव शंकर : सदन के बारे में नहीं कहा, आपके बारे में कहा । सदन के बारे में नहीं कहा । सदन के खिलाफ कोई नहीं है । सदन की बात कहां आती है । डबल स्टेंडर्ड की बात आती है.... **(व्यवधान)**

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: So long as he is not made to withdraw and apologise, we will not allow the Prime Minister to speak a single word in this House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VASHVJIT P. SINGH MEHTA: rashtra): Let me tell you, Sir, with responsibility that it is the Opposition and these Members—I mean them—they are the ones with double standard. Why have they not resigned from here? I say this to you. The Prime Minister is here. We all say unanimously resign, if you don't want to..(*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: We want you to ask the Prime Minister to withdraw these words. Otherwise the House cannot run. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: First of all he must be made to withdraw that remark.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: You have held democracy to ransom. We are prepared to have a debate in justification of what has been said by the Prime Minister. Even now we are prepared. Debate this issue. (*Interruptions*) Actually you are the people who are having double standard. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, abuse cannot be debated. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: If they have any morals they must resign. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Once again it has been proved ... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: They don't want to debate important issues in Parliament. (*Interruptions*) If they have any moral responsibility, they must resign. They have no right to behave like this. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, we cannot allow the House to go on like this. (*Interruptions*) We are prepared to have a debate on double standard. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Why are you evading discussion? You don't want discussions. You only want to walk out. Why don't you resign? If you don't want a discussion, walk out. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: The Prime Minister must resign, not the Opposition.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Why don't you want a discussion? Come on, discuss or walk out. (*Interruptions*)

श्री जगतपाल सिंह ठाकुर (मध्य प्रदेश) : रोज कोई न कोई बहाना बनाकर इस सदन का टाइम खराब करते हैं... **(व्यवधान)** ...

SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH (Gujarat): They are adopting double standard.

श्री जगतपाल सिंह ठाकुर : असलियत को सुनना नहीं चाहते ... **(व्यवधान)** ...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : जो परम्पराएं हैं उन पर कुठाराघात करने के लिए हम उनकी निन्दा करते हैं ।

इन्हें सदन से निकाला जाए । अगर यह इस्तीफा नहीं देते हैं तो इन्हें सदन से निकाला जाए । सदन की कार्रवाई पर ... (व्यवधान) ...

डा० बापू कलदाते: (महाराष्ट्र) : आपकी मेहरबानी से नहीं आए हैं सदन में जो आप निकालेंगे । ... (व्यवधान) ...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: सदन की परम्पराओं पर कुठाराघात किया है... (व्यवधान) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He is clinging to power like a limpet ... (*Interruptions*) ... When the entire nation is ... (*Interruptions*) ... He is taking ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI MADAN BHATIA (Nominated): Sir, the Members of the Lok Sabha are entitled to discuss the conduct of ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He was an agent of the emergency. He was an advocate of emergency. He fought in favour of emergency.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Sir, they are obstructing parliamentary work and we want your ruling on this.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Is the Prime Minister withdrawing his word or not? You kindly ask him. You are the custodian of the House. You can direct him to withdraw the word.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: We want an apology ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, to restore calm in the House, I want the Prime Miniter to express his regret for the remarks which he made in the other House against us.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: W want Queston Hour and no other discussions.. (*Interruptions*)..

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it will enhance the dignity of the Prime Minister if he withdraws his remarks and makes answers for what he has said.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Are you going to withdraw your remarks or not?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: What does he say? He has denigrated this House. You are the custodian of this House. Have you asked him to withdraw his remarks? ... (*Interruptions*) ...

डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: खालिस्तानी एजेंट्स ... (व्यवधान)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: What is that you are talking about?

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: If he wants he can withdraw the word.

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would just like to say a few words ... (*Interruptions*) ...

Sir, I made certain comments in the Lok Sabha on my perception of how the Opposition has behaved. I am willing to debate it here and now. We will cancel the Question Hour and we will debate it ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, I am sorry, the Prime Minister has not ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Sir, unless the Prime Minister apologises, we will not allow the Prime Minister to speak here ... ... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी: सभापति जी, पंडित नेहरू इसी प्रकार के प्रसंग में आते तो ऐसा आचरण नहीं करते । पंडित नेहरू होते, प्रधान मंत्री होते तो तुरन्त वह वापस ले लेते । एरोगेंस आफ पावर सत्ता का दुरुपयोग है । (व्यवधान)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: You must know what Mr. Inderjit Gupta has said (*interruptions*)..

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: . . . on the part of the Prime Minister to say these things ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: He is calling others limpets and is himself sticking to power in spite of all these scandals ...
... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He is not ready to apologise and we will not allow him to speak here ... (*Interruptions*) ...

श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी : हमारी बात छोड़ दीजिए, उनकी बात छोड़ दीजिए अपनी बात कहिए । (**व्यवधान**)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Kindly hear me. This is Question Hour. We have already spent 20 minutes ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Sir, he has insulted the House. How can you allow the Question Hour to go on?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The Prime Minister himself has flouted the rules (*Interruptions*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: There is no violation of the rules. If there is any violation of rules, we will debate it. Let us debate. There is nothing unparliamentary.
... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Debate on what, for what and why?.. (*Interruptions*) ... It is an insult. (*Interruptions*).. What is the debate for? ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: The debate is about your conduct. We are prepared for that. (*Interruptions*) ... and the justification of the statement being given ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: He has denounced the entire Parliament by his remarks. I appeal to him withdraw his remarks..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI MADAN BHATIA: ...Rather, they have refused to resign on account of financial crisis and political bankruptcy. ..(*Interruptions*) We want to discuss.. We want to debate this ... (*Interruptions*)..

डा० अबरार अहमद खान (राजस्थान) : ....(**व्यवधान**)....सही बात डिसकस करने से कतराते हैं । यह सदन का समय बर्बाद कर रहे है । इनको कोई अधिकार नहीं है सदन का समय बर्बाद करने का । यह हर बात में...(**व्यवधान**)

श्री सैयद सिब्ते रजी (उत्तर प्रदेश) : इसी हाउस में बराबर लोक सभा में रेजिगनेशन के ऊपर दो दिन तक डिसकशन हुई है । जब यहां हो सकती है लोक सभा का डिसकशन तो लोक सभा में प्रधान भी मेम्बर पार्लियामेंट की हैसियत से क्यों नहीं क्रिटीसाइज कर सकते हैं। इसमें कोई रूल या प्रोसीजर का वायोलेशन नहीं है । ये डिबेट से हमेशा भाग हैं और आज भी भागना चाहते हैं । ये सत्य से परे रहे हैं और सच्चाई के ऊपर पर्दा डालना चाहते हैं । (**व्यवधान**)

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: ... This is not the way ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: The Prime Minister should apologise.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: We want resignation of the Opposition. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Sir, I have got the meaning if you want. I have got the dictionary meaning. Sir, do you want the meaning? This is the dictionary meaning: ,"a gasteropod with conical shell that clings to rocks one not easily outsted." That applies to the Prime Minister because he is clinging to power. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: ...Oxford Dictionary meaning. "Marine gasteropod mollusc with shallow conical shell sticking tightly to rocks:" (*Interruptions*).

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: We know the meaning of the English word better than

you. We do not require any help and assistance.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: There is nothing wrong in this. Is there anything unparliamentary? (*Interruptions*). What is wrong in it? That is their description. What is wrong? Is it not true? Is it not a fact? (*Interruptions*)

SHRI N.K.P. SALVE (Maharashtra): Mr. Chairman, you decide. (*Interruptions.*)

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: If you seek a debate in the House, we would like to debate. We are prepared to debate. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: ... Whether it is parliamentary or unparliamentary is always for the Chair to decide. Merely because they say it is unparliamentary, it will not be unparliamenary. Merely because he says it is parliamentary, it will not be parliamentary. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Chairman, Sir, you accept what Mr. Advani says. Merely because they say it is unparliamentary it will not become unparliamentary and merely because he says it is parliamentary it will not become parliamentary. It is for you... (*Interruptions*) I am not a student of zoology. (*Interruptions*)... only a student of zoology... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: This is not the way to raise the issue. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI RAJIV GANDHI: With your permission may I say, I raised a very basic issue in the other House whether the resignations were on principle or whether the resignations were opportunistic. I am willing to debate that in this House.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is for the people to decide.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Who is a limpet?

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: The people are opposing him, yet he is sticking to his seat.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I am amazed at the vocabulary of the Prime Minister.

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: It is not a question whether it is parliamentary or unparliamentary. He can speak any nonsense outside. But when he speaks here in Parliament, when he addresses Parliament, can he question the existence of the Members here? Can he taunt the Members of this House? That is the question. The question is not whether it is parliamentary or unparliamentary.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : I rise on a point of order...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: (Andhra Pradesh): Please sit down, Mr. Buta Singh.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Kindly allow me to raise my point of order. Under rule 238...

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: If you allow him time, you should also give us time.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Under rule 238 I am raising a point of order...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He is incapable of dictating order in Punjab. He is raising a point of order here. What a fall?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: My point of order is under rule 238...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: A limpet cannot raise a point of order.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Your agitation shows how much you are...

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: He clings to the Prime Minister like a limpet.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: You lack the sense of humour. A figurative expression has been used. You cannot even appreciate that figurative expression.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: We cannot appreciate the role of a limpet like you or a limpet like the Prime Minister.

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Your agitation shows that the expression has stuck to you.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Do you feel justified in calling us that, Mr. Prime Minister? Yes or no? Mr. Prime Minister, do you feel justified in calling us what you did? (*Interruption*) Can you hear, Mr. Prime Minister? You said you are willing to debate it on the floor of this House. Would you repeat what you said? Would you please repeat what you said?

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: On an issue like this it is not fair to join issue with a fair lady.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I am asking the Prime Minister; let him say "Yes" or "no"..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I may be allowed to raise my point of order..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI (Maharashtra): I do not know why the lady from Andhra is shouting..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY Should I ask him in Telugu? (*Interruptions*)..Let Mr. Shiv Shanker translate..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, I want to raise a point of order..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: I am asking the Pime Minister..(*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 301 ..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: No nothing will be allowed..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: We want an apology from the Prime Minister..(*Interruptions*)..

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 302... (*Interruptions*)...
...Question No. 303... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL (Punjab): Sir, I have got a right to ask my question..(*Interruptions*)....

SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER: Sir, I hope this behaviour of theirs will not go on record..(*Interruptions*)..This behaviour, I am sure, will not go on record..(*Interruptions*)..

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Sir, I want to put my question..(*Interruptions*)..

*301. [*For answer* vide *cols.* 18-19 infra.]

*302. [*For answer* vide *cols.* 19-21 infra.]

MR. CHAIRMAN: Now we have already lost 41 minutes. My humble request to you is, let the Question Hour be over...Any remarks... Please, there are matters and there are rules of the House. Let us follow them. Everything can be settled by the rules. Going outside the rules means no good to anybody...You know that matters are not decided on lung power. They are decided on argument. This House is not for a shouting match. Consequently, I have...

AN HON. MEMBER: You give your ruling.

MR. CHAIRMAN: My ruling is, at persent this is the Question Hour. The Question Hour must be completed according to rules...My ruling is very clear. The Question Hour prevails. If it is desired to be suspended by this side or that side, whoever wants it, the House decides that the Question Hour be suspended, I am in the hands of the House. Otherwise under the rules I am bound to carry on the Question Hour for one hour. That is my request. After Question Hour you can take up whatever it is, whatever you want to discuss. So far as this is concerned, I am bound by the rules. According to the rules this hour is Question Hour. It is specifically provided that the Question Hour can be suspended by a Resolution of the House. So I will wait for the Resolution of the House. Otherwise I will sit here. It is up to you, if you do not want to function, who am I? it is for the

House to decide. What can I do? (*Interruptions*).

As you know, anything spoken when you are not on your seat does not go on record. This is the basic rule which everybody knows. What is the use of shouting here?.. (*Interruptions*)I do not know I have told my views.

SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: We want apology from the Prime Minister. Then we will take part in the proceedings.

श्री सभापति : अभी होली बहुत दूर है । गाली-गलौच फिर कर लेना, अभी कुछ काम करो ।.... (व्यवधान)

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : अध्यक्ष महोदय, क्या हाउस इसी तरह चलता रहेगा ? ... (व्यवधान)

कृषि मंत्री (श्री भजन लाल) : कोई हद होती है, कोई लिमिट होती है।... (व्यवधान)

SHRI P. N. SUKUL (Uttar Pradesh): Sir, they have insulted the House, they have insulted the Chair, and they have insulted democracy. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 303.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Functions of the Regional Computer Centre, Chandigarh

*303. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Computer Centre at Chandigarh has become fully operational;

(b) if so, what are its main functions and what are the details of the agencies associated with it; and

(c) what are the plans for its expansion in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main functions of Regional Computer Centre, Chandigarh are to provide Education/Training in the area of computers and also providing support to user organisations for computerisation by way of (i) preparing feasibility report (ii) developing packages of user specifications and providing in house training (iii) implementation of computerisation under job contract and (iv) providing computer hardware time. They are associated with user Government agencies and educations institutions on a regular basis in the execution of these schemes.

(c) The Centre has installed a VAX-8650 computer system. Apart from Electronic Data Processing activities and training, this machine is planned to be utilised for Computer Aided Design Graphics, software consultancy and specialised training courses. An additional Central Processing Unit is envisaged to be procured in the near future.

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: (*Interruptions*). Sir, there are many research-oriented institutions in Chandigarh, for instance, the Punjab University, the C.S.I.R. and the Institute of Microbial Research etc. (*Interruptions*). Sir, I would want to know from the hon. Minister whether there is any meaningful co-ordination between the regional computer centre and those institutions which are engaged in the research and development at Chandigarh. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN: Sir, ... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is unfortunate that today the regional computer centre is contented by only rendering itself into a commercial institution. Sir, Chandigarh